

REMARKS

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, the Examiner entered a restriction requirement for the following groups of inventions:

Group I, claims 1-15 and 27-32, drawn to an apparatus for removing a runner system from a molding tool, classified in class 425, subclasses 174.2.

Group II, claims 16-26 and 33, drawn to a process for degating and removing a plurality of molded parts, classified in class 264, subclass 442.

Applicants make a provisional election restricting the patent application to Group I, consisting of claims 1-15 and 27-32, as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.142 without prejudice or admission, to facilitate prosecution.

The foregoing election conforms this application to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated July 10, 2003 and Applicants submit that the elections are fully responsive to the July 10, 2003 Office Action. The undersigned invites the Examiner to confer by telephone at the number listed below if such would advance prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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